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PATENT APPLICATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10980015-1

IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Ballard C. Bare

Confirmation No.: 7323

Application No.: 09/228,087

Examiner: Kevin C. Harper

Filing Date: 01/01/1999

Group Art Unit: 2666

Title: BROADCAST TREE DETERMINATION IN LOAD BALANCING SWITCH PROTOCOLS

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment (Amendment By Response To Final Office () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below Action) () Supplemental Declaration
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")
(X) Other: Letter To Official Draftsperson, Amended Drawings(2 Sheets), Postcard (fee \$ 0)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	26	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	2	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$410.00	3RD MONTH \$930.00	4TH MONTH \$1450.00	\$ 0	
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date of Deposit: March 3, 2003

Typed Name: Arnold M. de Guzman

Signature: 

Respectfully submitted,

Ballard C. Bare

By 

Arnold M. de Guzman

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Date: March 3, 2003

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AMENDMENT B AND
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as shown below:

In the drawings:

Please amend the Figure 31 and 32, as shown in the enclosed drawing sheets with markings in RED ink.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 11 as shown below: